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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLOS, NU  
SUBJECT: LOS: NICARAGUAN ASSESSMENT

1. VINCE FONMIN BODAN INFORMED POLOFF ON APRIL 27 THAT HIS APPRAISAL OF LOS CONF, BASED ON HIS ATTENDANCE OPENING DAYS OF CURRENT SESSION, IS THAT IMBROGLIO OVER PRESIDENCY HAD SERIOUSLY WEAKENED AMERASINGHE'S AUTHORITY. HE STATED RESULT OF FORCED VOTE TO SUSTAIN AMERASINGHE IN THE CHAIR HAD DEMONSTRATED WEAKNESS OF HIS SUPPORT.

2. BODAN SAID KEY LATIN AMERICAN GROUP ACTORS ON THE ISSUE HAD BEEN MEXICO, PERU AND VENEZUELA. HE INSISTED THAT LATIC POSITION WAS BASED ON LEGAL PRECEDENT RATHER THAN A POWER PLAY TO ACHIEVE GREATER LATIN INFLUENCE. HE SAID IF AMERASINGHE HAD WITHDRAWN

AS A RESULT OF A LACK OF CONSENSUS THAT HE CONTINUE, AS AMERISIIGHE HAD PROMISED, THE LATIN GROUP WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED WHATEVER NEW CANDIDATE THE ASIAN GROUP WOULD HAVE ADVANCED.

3. NEVERTHELESS, BODAN SAID HE EXPECTS SOME CONCRETE RESULTS FROM  
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THIS SESSION, EVEN THOUGH IT PROBABLY WILL NOT INCLUDE AGREEMENT ON A DEEP-SEABED REGIME.

4. COMMENT: LATIN DIPLOMATS TRADITIONALLY HAVE PRIDED THEMSELVES ON THEIR INTERNATIONAL LAW SCHOLASTICISM. THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CHAN WAS BASED ENTIRELY ON PRINCIPLE SHOULD NOT BE DISCOUNTED.  
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